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Mayor Ballard Signs PreK Ordinances *Signals official start of the program for fall of 2015*

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Ballard joined United Way of Central Indiana, City-County Councillors and preschool students at St. Mary's Child Center today to officially sign the Indianapolis Preschool Scholarship Program into City ordinance. Applications are being accepted until April 30, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year.

Marion County families will fill out a single application for both the Indianapolis Preschool Scholarship Program (Indy PSP) and the State's On My Way Pre-K program.

"This program sends a clear message about what we value as a city," Mayor Ballard said. "I look forward to seeing the impact this will have on our youngest residents for years to come."

Families must meet the following eligibility criteria to apply:

- The family must have an income below 185 percent of the federal poverty level
- The family must reside in Marion County; and
- The child must be at least three, but younger than five years old by August 1, 2015.

If more families qualify than there are grants available, awards will be made through a randomized lottery process to be held on or around May 4, 2015.

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Families that receive grants may choose from any of the eligible, enrolled high-quality preschool programs. Almost 50 preschool providers are already enrolled in Marion County, and the application process is ongoing. To qualify, programs must be top-ranked at level 3 or level 4 on [Paths to QUALITY™](#) or accredited by an approved national or regional accrediting body. [Click here for details on provider eligibility.](#)

Applications and instructions are available online at www.indypsp.org.

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